

**Board of Selectmen Meeting - Tuesday, June 23, 2015. 7:12 p.m.**  
116 Main Road, Tyringham

**Board Members Present**—Gerard Miller, Christopher Johnson, and Matthew Puntin.  
Others present - Molly Curtin-Schaefer & (see attached list)

Mail was read, Treasury Warrants were approved, previous minutes were approved.

**LIBRARY/POST OFFICE ROOF:**

A discussion ensued with Larry Gould, our Building Inspector about the Library/Post Office Roof. Larry reviewed the options available and discussed some issues that may or may not arise during re-roofing. He stated that structural issues on the decking should be addressed at the same time. The Board will set up a meeting with the Historical Commission and discuss the different possibilities for the covering. The Board will review the question sheet Larry submitted. (see attached)

**SELECTMEN:**

Gerard Miller stated the Board reorganized and he has been named Chairman. Gerard stated that he very much likes the open meeting and public input however, it has made meetings run much longer. He will be following the agenda and addressing the topics at hand. He stated that attendees' should hold off on discussing issues amongst themselves during the meeting or leave the room. All discussion will be from the Board unless a person is called on to give input to the topic being discussed.

**TRUSTEES OF RESERVATION:**

Becky Ferguson was asked to this meeting to discuss the following issues that need to be addressed as soon as possible. Gerard Miller stated The Ashuntully Farm property is out of compliance on a Special Events Permit, sign permit, water testing, catering permits, and alcohol beverage permits. Ms. Ferguson stated she has a passing water test and will submit a copy and that she will contact the Planning Board about the Special Event permit. Gerard asked her to contact the Fire and Police Chief about events so that they are aware of what is going on in case of an emergency. She further stated that the office manager left and that some things fell thru the cracks.

**JERUSALEM ROAD BRIDGE:**

Matthew Puntin met with Mass DOT district #1 engineer in Lenox. He stated the highway department could fix the current hole in the lane and they do not need to get the approval of Mass DOT.

The long term repair – The Town needs to hire an engineering firm and go thru the CH85 requirement process. This way we have a project all engineered and "shovel ready." Matt further discussed the Mass DOT contract; Matt will look at the bridge with Leslie Beebe.

**SALT CONTAMINATION:** Gerard Miller discussed the request of Everett Fennelly who has asked about the possibility of contamination in wells because of the amount of salt being used on the roads. There is no contamination at this point, the Board will look into the possibility of soil testing along Main Road. Molly to research the issue of getting a "baseline" thru University of Massachusetts or the State.

**ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS:** The **attached** list of appointments were made.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / CERC**

A discussion ensued regarding the Community Emergency Response Coordinator and the Emergency Management Coordinator. After a discussion about the positions and responsibilities of each, Gerard Miller asked that a coordinated approach happen to make sure fire and police are involved in emergency situations.

Matthew Puntin made a motion to appoint Jim Curtin as Emergency Manager and Community Emergency Response Coordinator, Chris Johnson seconded, no opposition. Motion made and seconded to appoint Molly Curtin-Schaefer as Emergency Manager Assistant.

**FIRE COMPANY:**

Jim Curtin stated that the Deputy Fire Chief and the 1st Assistant Fire Chief live out of town. Mr. Curtin further stated he knows you have to get firemen where you can, however, in his opinion a Chief should be from the Town.

Gerard Miller made a motion to appoint Rob Kimberly as Deputy Fire Chief and Andrew Slater as 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Fire Chief. Christopher Johnson seconded, no opposition.

**Public Information Officer "PIO"** – Gerard Miller stated he felt this "PIO" should not be on the annual appointment list. This is a position that should be held by Town Administration, not just anyone. Gerard stated this is a position that delivers information to the public thru the media or whatever source to lessen the confusion of a given situation or issue. Gerard felt Molly Curtin-Schaefer should be appointed as "PIO" as she is in the office and in contact with the Select Board and all public information should run thru the Administration office. Matthew Puntin made a motion to appoint Jim Curtin as Public Information Officer, Christopher Johnson seconded, Gerard Miller was opposed. Motion carried.

**Board of Assessors**

There is a vacancy due to loss of Peter Curtin on the Assessors Board. This term would end May 2016. With the retirement of the Assistant Assessor, Tim Taylor Gerard is in favor of Norman Beamon as he put his name forward and received 97 votes, he is interested in being on the board of assessors and Gerard liked the idea of Mr. Beamon putting his name out there. Mr. Everett Fennelly submitted a letter of interest showing previous experience and Certification as an Assessor on the Board of Assessors. Mr. Beamon is not certified nor does he have experience as an assessor.

Mr. Fennelly stated he could have run at election, but Mike Curtin is a friend and neighbor and he would not run against him. Matthew Puntin asked Mr. Fennelly what his qualifications were; Mr. Fennelly stated he has taken and passed the Assessors 101 class and has done this job in the past. There is no recertification needed stated Mike Curtin. Gerard Miller asked if Norman Beamon had anything to add. Mr. Norman Beamon read the attached letter. (see attached)

Matthew Puntin made a motion to appoint Everett Fennelly to the Board of Assessors to fill the unexpired term which ends May 2016, Gerard Miller made a motion to appoint Norman Beamon, Christopher Johnson abstained from voting. Neither motion carries. Fail.

Gerard Miller made a motion to table this item for further review, Christopher Johnson, seconded, no opposition.

### **ASSESSORS:**

Mike Curtin spoke in opposition to the remarks made in Norman Beamon's letter. He also is opposed to the accusations made about the Assessor's Office and the Board of Assessors. Mike asked the Selectmen how they expect him to function at a decent level of work with Mr. Beamon now (after Mr. Beamon read the attached letter). Gerard Miller stated that working with difficult people sometimes can be a good thing and it may be difficult and frustrating but, good stuff sometimes comes out. He further stated that conflict in the work place sometimes produces more work production. Mike Curtin stated there is no sliding scale in assessor's office, every year we are checked by the state and the first ones checked are the Assessors Board, families of the Board members-- ie.-- the Curtin's the Clark's also the Selectmen.

Mark Curtin asked how Gerard Miller would support Norman Beamon for a position on the Assessors Board after that statement and how important it was to fill this position, yet when you have someone who is willing, and qualified to do the job and recommended by the current Board of Assessors, Christopher Johnson abstains from voting on this issue; and now another couple weeks will go by. Mark Curtin inquired why the Board doesn't appoint the qualified person and let candidates run in the Spring for this position?

### **HIGHWAY DEPT.**

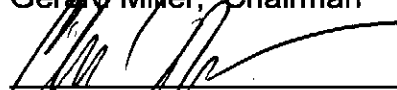
Noah Choquette and Leslie Beebe were in to discuss highway issues. A discussion ensued about the Cooper Creek Road agreement & Lakeside Drive as well as Ridge Street. Kathy Curtin asked if the highway dept. could do something with Jerusalem Road as it is in very rough shape due to all the traffic. Church Road will be repaved in the near future. Work continues on Stonebridge Ways.

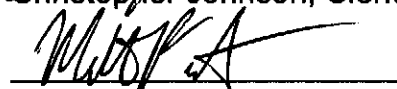
**JANITOR:**

Nicole Choquette requested a cost of living raise. Gerard Miller stated there is no room to make salary adjustments as the Town voted on that article, however, it will be considered for next Annual Town Meeting. Noah Choquette stated the reason for the request was that the Town Employees received raises and not the Janitor. Gerard stated there is room in the budget to work more hours.

Adjourned 8:50 pm.

  
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Gerard Miller, Chairman

  
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Christopher Johnson, Clerk

  
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Matthew Puntin, Member

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN / BOARD OF HEALTH**

Date: June 23, 2015

TIME - 7:00 NAME - Jack & Beebe

7 PM	Robert J. Desrosier	06/23/15
7 <sup>00</sup> PM	Michael Curtin	6-23-15
7 PM	Denise Curtin	6-23-15
7 PM	Kathy Curtin	6-23-15
7 PM	Jim Curtin	6-23-15
7 PM	Mark J. Curtin	6-23-15
7 PM	BRODY HALE	6/23/15
7 PM	JOE DELMOLINO	6/23/15
7 PM	Noah Choquette	6/23/15
7 PM	John C. Howard	6/23/15
7 PM	Norm Benn	6-23-15
7 PM	Brady Ferguson	6.23.15

**Town Administrator**

**From:** "Larry Gould" <bldginspotis@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 14, 2015 3:41 PM  
**To:** "Molly Curtin-Schaefer" <townhall@bcn.net>  
**Attach:** bldginspotis.vcf  
**Subject:** questions re:details on library project

Hi Molly,

I am working on the bid documents for the Library/Post Office Building Upgrade project and I have a few loose ends to tie up.

1. We didn't decide on a roof covering, asphalt shingles, metal roofing, stone coated metal tiles were all mentioned but we will need to pick one.
2. The clay tile roof covering on the roof now, is the roofing contractor just going to remove and dispose of the tile?
3. Parking, work area and material storage. There will be contractor vehicles for the roof removal and recovering and for the SIP panels and a crane. The pile of SIP panels will be fairly large and the contractor will need an area to assemble the panels. I am thinking that the area behind the building will be necessary for them and will need to be closed to any other traffic. This will provide an area to stage the work and to store the materials.
4. Crane, I think that the installation of the panels can be arranged from the rear of the building with the crane reaching over the top. If not, the crane will need to be close to the front of the building on the lawn I think. If not a lane of the road will need to be blocked off.
5. Dumpsters for debris. When we did the project in Otis we contacted the Master Garbologist, they provide dumpsters for the transfer station. They were able to provide containers for us at the towns regular cost. It saves the contractor markup. Location for the dumpster would be in the back of the building.
6. Porta-Potti. some sort of facility is needed. ( could be the town hall) It can be provided by the contractor or the town, if the town has a contract for porta-potti's already it is usually cheaper to provide it.
7. Repair of any damage to the roof structure that is discovered during the roof tearoff. If the damage is minimal along the edges the panels can span it and the underside can be repaired cosmetically after. There is some damage around the chimney that will need to be looked at (the water damage can be seen from inside) and the chimney will need to be raised up an additional foot or so.
8. I have looked at these as two separate projects with the town managing both and arranging scheduling between the two contracts, making decisions about work as it proceeds, with situations being taken care of immediately instead of going through a longer process. Most towns would send this out as one project with the panels as a sub to the roofing. (SIP installation is usually a subcontract of a larger project.) The town would accept a bid, sign a contract and issue payment when complete. It costs more to do it that way but the town accepts a greater workload to save the difference.

We can speak a bit about this tonight.  
 Larry

# TOWN OF TYRINGHAM

## Appointment Application

116 Main Road • Tyringham, Massachusetts 01264  
(413) 243-1749 • (413) 243-4942 facsimile

Please accept this application for appointment to the Board Of Assessors

Name: Norman Beaman

Residential Address: 8 Webster Rd. Tyringham, MA 01264

Mailing Address: Same As Above

Telephone Number: (day) (413) 243-0528 (evening) (413) 212-1081

E-mail Address: Mister.Beamon@gmail.com

☒ **Re-appointment.** If re-appointment, no other information is necessary except signature and date.

Reason for applying: In the recent town election, I opposed Mike Curtin for his seat on this board. Without an aggressive campaign, I was able to receive 97 votes from town residents, who voted for me and looking for change. At the same time, members of both the Curtin and Fennelly families were spewing their racist rhetoric (over #1)

Relevant experience: I am a Tyringham resident. My household made a request to be reassessed last summer. After the initial contact with the Board of Assessors, we never heard from them again. Last year we received an \$800 Tax bill for a 10 year old 1000 # capacity Trailer which initially cost \$1200 new. (over #2)

Norman Beaman, Jr.  
Signature

6-18-2015

Date

#1. ... in our community and beyond as their reason for people to oppose me in the coming election. I can prove everything I am saying. Now these two same families are opposing my appointment to the open seat on the Board of Assessors for probably the same racist agenda. So that you can not say that you have never been told, if you were one of the special people who were <sup>privileged</sup> to this racist campaign strategy and you voted for their candidate anyway, don't fool yourself, you are a racist. With this said, I believe that I will be as capable as the next person when it comes to the performance of my duty as an assessor and more capable than anyone who would exercise prejudice, for they are more apt to assess unfairly. Norman Beamon

#2 There is a well known rumor that the Tyringham Board of Assessors has practiced in the past a Sliding Scale method when it came to assessing favorably for friends and placing the tax burden on others. If the rumor is true, this illegal. If there is something to hide, you better appoint someone else, because if I am hired I will do a better job for everyone. I will bring with me fairness and transparency. Under my watch, everyone will be assessed their fair share. Norman Beamon



FY16 Appointment List July 1, 2015 thru June 30, 2016			
		<b>XXX = no form returned .....</b>	
Position	Applicant	Term	
Accounting officer	M. Curtin-Schaefer	1 year	
Cultural Council	(no one up for re-Appointment)		
Bd of Appeals	ALT - Joe Delmolino	15-18	
	Donald Puntin	15-18	
	Lynn Bertelli	15-18	
<b>Berk Regional Planning Commission</b>			
Selectmen Alternate	Sarah Hudson	annually	
<b>Transportation Advisory Committee VACANT</b>			
Pland Bd Delegate	Holly Ketron	annually	
<b>Broadband Committee</b>		Annually	
	Holly Ketron		
	Margaret Howard		
	Bill Cosel		
<b>Wired West Delegate</b>		Annually	
	Holly Ketron		
<b>Wired West Alt. Del XX Tonio Palmer</b>		6/23 not appointed	
MLP Manager	Christopher Johnson		
<b>Highway Bldg Comm.</b>		Annually	
	Margaret Howard		
	Catha G. Rambusch		
	Matthew Puntin		
<b>Community Emergency Response Coordinator</b>			
	James Curtin	Annually	
<b>Conservation Commission</b>			
	Alan Wilcox	15-18	
	XX VACANCY	15-18	
<b>CONSTABLES</b>		annually	
	Molly Curtin-Schaefer	annually	
	Bruce Heath		
<b>COUNCIL ON AGING</b>		Annually	
	Barbara Adams		

	XX Thomas Fennelly	not appt. 6/23	
<b>E-911 Committee</b>	Molly Curtin Schaefer	Annually	
	Mimi Crandall		
<b>Emergency Management Coordinator</b>			
	James Curtin	Annually	
	Molly Curtin Schaefer		
<b>Equipment Committee</b>		Annually	
	Richard Loring		
	Christopher Johnson		
	Carl Curtin		
	XX Bill Ketchen	6/23 not appointed	
	XX Henning Carlson	6/23 not appointed	
	Michael Curtin		
<b>Fence Viewer</b>	Charles Slater, Jr.	Annually	
	Louisa Gilder		
<b>Finance Committee</b>	James Consolati	15-18	
<b>Fire Chief</b>	Charles Slater Jr.	Annually	
<b>Dpty Fire Chief</b>	Rob Kimberly	Annually	
<b>1st Asst Fire Chief</b>	Andrew Slater	Annually	
<b>2nd Asst Fire Chief</b>	William Roche	Annually	
<b>Forest Fire Warden</b>	Charles Slater, Jr	Annually	
<b>Deputy Forest Fire Warden</b>			
	Rob Kimberly	Annually	
<b>Green Committee</b>	Christopher Johnson	Annually	
<b>Health Agent</b>	Alan Joyner	Annually	
<b>Board of Health</b>	Christopher Johnson	Annually	
	Gerard Miller		
	Matthew Puntin		
<b>Historical Commission</b>			

	Sarah Hudson	15-18	
	Cornelia Gilder	15-18	
<b>Housing Commission</b>		6/23 not appointed	
	XX Marion Clark	15-18	
<b>Insect &amp; Pest Control Officer</b>			
	Noah Choquette	annually	
<b>INSPECTORS</b>			
<b>Building</b>	Larry Gould	Annually	
<b>Gas</b>	Dan Collins	Annually	
<b>Plumbing</b>	Glenn Wilcox	Annually	
	Dan Collins, Asst.	Annually	
<b>Wiring Insp.</b>	Richard Aloisi	Annually	
	Wm. Roche, Sr.	Annually	
<b>Municipal Hearing Officer</b>			
	City of Pittsfield	Annually	
<b>Police Chief</b>	Patrick Holian	15-18	
<b>Police Officers</b>	Victoria Sorrentino	Annually	
	Joseph Delmolino	Annually	
	Donald Hopkins	Annually	
<b>Police Commission</b>	Charles Slater Jr.	Annually	
	XX Franck Felix	6/23 not appointed	
	Peter Charpentier	Annually	
<b>Procurement Officer</b>		Annually	
	Molly Curtin-Schaefer		
<b>Public Information Officer</b>			
	James Curtin	Annually	
<b>Board of Registrars</b>	Molly Curtin-Schaefer	Annually	
<b>Road Superintendent</b>			
	Noah Choquette	Annually	
<b>Town Counsel</b>	Jeremia Pollard	Annually	
<b>Tree Warden</b>	Noah Choquette	Annually	

<b>Veterans' Agent</b>	Laurie Hils	Annually	
<b>Selectmen Deleg.</b>	Gerard Miller	Annually	
<b>Veterans' Grave Officer</b>			
	Everett Fennelly	Annually	

New Text Document

To : The Tyringham Board of Selectman

From: Nicole Choquette

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BY: MCS

May 26, 2015

I am requesting a cost of living increase to my wages. I have not had an increase in 2 years I would greatly appreciate a increase in pay. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Nicole Choquette*

Nicole Choquette